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Broadband/Fiber Committee

Committee members: Cliff Norton / Julie Jordan / Jim Howell / Diane Smith

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| <i>Date:</i> | Mar 21 meeting |
| <i>Re:</i> | 4 th meeting |
| <i>Discussion:</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cliff reported that town is willing to review multiple methods of financing fiber options.• Reviewed updated survey – did get some suggestions about business questions that will be incorporated in next version.• Reviewed update on Julie’s conversations with the ISP’s – we determined that we are ready to review options with the Selectman.• Reviewed conversations Diane had with MCA and NDEC |
| <i>Action items:</i> | <p>Mar 21 – actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Set up meeting with Selectman.2. Add business questions to survey.3. Ask about monies from Selectman for potential advertising for survey. <p>Feb 27 – actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cliff to attend Wednesday Selectman meeting and ask about town willingness for monies and how to move forward.2. Diane to update draft survey for committee review.3. Target getting survey out in March timeframe4. Get input from neighboring towns, Beals, Jonesboro, Addison, etc for regional effort.5. Target April / May to provide alternatives to Selectman. <p>Feb 13 - actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Diane to update survey to ensure we capture all discussed.2. Cliff to review advertising opportunities, e.g. Facebook, slogan, promotional plan3. Jim to talk to Fidium to get details on consumer model. |

4. Julie to talk to Spectrum and keep researching other ISP's identified from earlier – 2021 – town survey.

Jan 24 – actions:

1. Julie to make calls to applicable entities to see who owns the poles in town – update: deemed too early for now
2. Julie to call contact at DBU to explore sub-contracted billing service— update: in process
3. Diane to contact Elaine for survey proposal -- Done
4. Diane to draft a community plan for information – Update – in process, plus added to results from Cliff action above

Next meeting:

Apr 5, Wednesday
4 PM – with Selectman
Jonesport Town Hall

Addendum: Previous discussions

Feb 27 Discussion: Reviewed survey again with input from Elaine about data inputs needed for analysis
Met with Dr. Tora Johnson, UMM, who provided a street and structure map for Jonesport for use in reviewing coverage for ISP's
Elaine provided update on discussions with applicable carriers
Question on town willingness for bond and/or grant money needed for continued discussions with ISP's.

Jan 26 Discussion: Committee met with Elaine Abbott, Sunrise Economic Council, to discuss process including provider companies that are in the area, activities of other communities and requisite activities for funding applications.

These requisite activities include:

- Survey
- Resident results on speed testing
- Meet with all incumbent ISP's
- Digital Equity Plan

Feb 13 Discussion

- Reviewed the town of Perry survey provided by Elaine Abbott and agreed on modifications.
- Discussed how to gauge town interest in going after fiber, how to advertise, deploy survey to assess results adequately.
- Julie provided her research on the different models from ISP's – see below.